

PATENT

Atty. Docket No. 8667

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IN ORIGINAL PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe I am the original first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**"STORAGE RACK SYSTEM AND LOCKING LATCH THEREFOR"**

which is described and claimed in:

- the attached specification; or  
 in the application filed \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

- no such applications have been filed, or  
 such application have been filed as follows:

**Foreign Application(s), If Any, Filed Within 12 Months Prior To the Filing Date of This Application**

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Filing \_\_\_\_\_ Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119 Yes  No   
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(patented, pending, abandoned)

**Richard R. HERZOG****"STORAGE RACK SYSTEM AND LOCKING LATCH THEREFOR"****Atty. Docket No. 8667**

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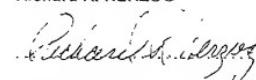
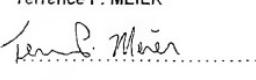
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